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SUBJ: MEXICAN DEMARCHE RE WORLD TOURIST ORGANIZATION

1. FONSECRETARIAT DIRECTOR IN CHIEF, CASTRO Y CASTRO, INITIATED OCTOBER 17 MEETING WITH EMBOFF IN ORDER TO DISCUSS WELL-KNOWN GOM INTEREST IN FORMATION OF WORLD TOURIST ORGANIZATION AND MEXICO'S CANDIDACY TO BECOME SITE OF HEADQUARTERS FOR SUCH ORGANIZATION. CASTRO Y CASTRO, WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS EFFORT FOR SOME TIME AND WHO ATTENDED RECENT CARACAS MEETING, IS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH USG RESERVATIONS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP IN WTO AND AT LEAST SOME COMMITMENT TO SELECTION OF ZAGREB FOR HEADQUARTERS LOCATION SHOULD WE BECOME A MEMBER.

2. CASTRO Y CASTRO SPENT SOME TIME DISCUSSING POLITICAL IMBROGLIO AT CARACAS MEETING WHICH DEVELOPED SURROUNDING SYRIAN-SPONSORED ANTI-ISRAELI RESOLUTION AND SUBSEQUENT BELGIAN COUNTER RESOLUTION. HE MADE CLEAR THAT REASON FOR HIS DETAILED EXPLANATION OF MEXICO'S ACTIONS DURING THAT DEBATE WAS TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT AND TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN ABOUT WHAT HE TERMED "VEILED" SUGGESTIONS THAT USG WOULD TAKE SUCH MATTERS INTO CONSIDERATION IN REACHING FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO JOIN WTO.

3. CASTRO Y CASTRO ADMITTED THAT AFTER ATTEMPTS TO WORK "HORSE TRADE" WITH CANADA (I.E. MEXICO'S VOTE IN FAVOR OF FLETCHER IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RETURN FOR CANADA'S VOTE FOR MEXICO SITE) HAD FAILED, HE WAS

ACTIVE IF NOT INSTRUMENTAL IN ACHIEVING SOLUTION WHEREBY TERM OF
FADUL OF LEBANON WAS EXTENDED AS PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL UNION
OF OFFICIAL TRAVEL ORGANIZATIONS. CASTRO Y CASTRO THEN EXPRESSED
CONFI-
DENCE THAT MEXICO HAD A COMFORTABLE MAJORITY AMONG 49 STATES
WHICH ALREADY HAVE SIGNED WTO CONVENTION.

4. DESPITE HIS OPTIMISM CONCERNING MEXICO'S CHANCES FOR HEAD-
QUARTERS, CASTRO Y CASTRO HOPES FOR US-MEXICAN UNDERSTANDING ON
THIS ISSUE. ACCORDINGLY, HE PROPOSED BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. HE
WILL BE IN WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 1-17 IN CONNECTION WITH IATTC
MATTERS, AND WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS
AT THAT TIME. ALTERNATIVELY, HE REQUESTED A SEPARATE BILATERAL
MEETING TO BE HELD SOMETIME AFTER JANUARY EITHER IN WASHINGTON
OR MEXICO (DURING INTERIM HE WILL REPRESENT MEXICO AT IMCO SESS-
IONS IN GENEVA).

5. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON POSSIBILITY OF PROPOSED
MEETINGS.

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